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SUBJECT: APPROACHING PA TO QUELL VIOLENT REACTIONS TO  
OFFENSIVE CARTOONS

REF: A. STATE 20587

[1](#)B. JERUSALEM 587

Classified By: Consul General Jake Walles. Reasons: 1.4 (b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (C) In accordance with ref (a), Consul General raised issue of taking active, public measures to calm the controversy in connection with publication of cartoons of the Prophet Mohammed with President Mahmoud Abbas on February 9 (other topics septel). President Abbas agreed with the seriousness of the issue, and said he would do what he could to maintain the calm.

[1](#)2. (C) Details of how the cartoon situation is resonating in PA-controlled areas are in ref (b).

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